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PROMOTION OF CARPET INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to promote carpet industry in the country;

(b) the countries to which carpet was exported during the last three years and the quantum of foreign exchange earned on account thereof;

(c) whether only few exporters exported carpet to the extent of 50% of the total target;

(d) if so, the reaction of the government thereto; and

(e) the facilities being provided by the Government to the workers and artisans employed with carpet industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) : The efforts made to promote carpet industry in the country include: implementation of schemes for Design and Technology upgradation; Marketing and Support Services; Export Promotion; Training and Extension etc. Integrated development of craft clusters is also being taken up by organizing the artisans into Self Help Groups under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY). Besides above, Indian Institute of Carpet Technology has been setup at Bhadohi with two satellite centres at Srinagar and Jaipur to provide trained human resource and other needed technical inputs to the carpet industry for its development and promotion. A Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is also being setup at Bhadohi.

(b): The details of countries to which carpet was exported during the last three years and the foreign exchanged earned therefrom is as under:

(Value in Rupees Crores)

S.No.	Country	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	Argentina	1.90	9.70	8.74
2	Australia	22.80	24.50	21.85
3	Austria	23.29	22.90	20.47
4	Belgium	21.32	15.12	9.57
5	Canada	38.55	37.34	33.35
6	Denmark	23.37	23.90	15.50
7	Finland	12.77	14.65	12.11
8	France	57.89	58.96	40.44
9	Germany	602.32	642.79	508.41
10	Italy	31.54	29.16	20.99
11	Japan	58.28	50.92	40.31
12	Luxembourg	0.38	0.80	0.70
13	Netherlands	23.25	24.58	15.85
14	Norway	5.28	5.97	5.29
15	Sweden	14.46	33.74	15.13
16	Switzerland	28.33	37.06	22.20
17	Spain	27.47	27.50	20.61
18	U.S.A.	1157.43	1203.11	1218.01
19	U.K. Others	123.46	127.23	93.17
20	Others	162.94	200.33	177.34
	Total:-	2436.13	2590.26	2300.04

(c): Exporter wise data on export of carpets is not maintained.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The facilities being provided by the Government to workers and weavers employed with carpet industry include: Skill upgradation through training; Design and Technology upgradation; Marketing including Export; Life Insurance; credit facility through margin money support under AHVY and Artisans Credit Card.

Besides facilities like assistance for construction of worksheds; smoothening of credit flow through Credit Guarantee Scheme and availability of quality raw material through Raw Material Bank are also being provided in the State of J&K.